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SUBJECT: BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL; VERNITRON MEDICAL PRODUCTS

REF: (A) KUWAIT 4398, (B) STATE 162397.

1. WE HAVE NOW BEEN AROUND AND AROUND ON THIS SUBJECT FOR A MONTH, UNFORTUNATELY WITHOUT SUCCESS. THE PROBLEM IS THAT AS GOVERNMENT ENTITY, KUWAIT UNIVERSITY MUST USE CENTRAL BANK- ISSUED LETTERS OF CREDIT RATHER THAN THOSE OF MORE FLEXIBLE LOCAL BANKS. ON JUNE 22 CENTRAL BANK ORDERED THAT ALL GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT APPLICATIONS FOR LETTERS OF CREDIT TO US BE RETURNED TO THE ISSUING MINISTRY BECAUSE US ANTIBOYCOTT REGULATIONS GOING INTO EFFECT ON THAT DATE DID NOT PERMIT LANGUAGE CENTRAL BANK REFUSES TO TAKE OUT OF ITS LETTER OF CREDIT. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER AT LENGTH WITH USUALLY COOPERATIVE KUWAIT CENTRAL BANK DEPUT GOVERNOR, BUT HE REFUSES TO BUDGE, SAYING THAT HE CANNOT DROP THE LANGUAGE FROM HIS BANK'S LETTER OF CREDIT W LHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS BOYCOTT OFFICE. THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN TURN SAYS THAT IT CAN DO NOTHING

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UNTIL RESPONSE TO US ANTIBOYCOTT LEGISLATION IS DISCUSSED AT AN INTER-ARAB BOYCOTT OFFICERS' MEETING. THERE APPEARS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF THIS MEETING TAKING PLACE IN THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE.

2. FOR SPECIBSC PROBLEM INVOLVED IN SALE OF VERNITRONP PRODUCTS TO KUWAIT UNIVERSITY, BEST SOLUTION WOULD APPEAR

TO BE FOR UNIVERSITY SIMPLY TO PROGDE VERNITRON WITH A
CHECK OR BUY EQUIPMENT ON OPEN ACCOUNT. WE HAVE SUGGESTED
THIS TO DR. BADR (UNFORTUNATELY HE IS NOW VACATIONING
OUT OF COUNTRY UNTIL SEPTEMBER). WE SUGGEST VERNITRON
CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY UPON HIS RETURN.
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